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GRANITE ROADS ULTIMATE GOAL IN MISSOURI

Theodore Gary of Kansas City, who was recently appointed a member of the State Highway Commission by Governor Hyde gave some of his ideas on road making which he says he will impress upon his associates, in an interview to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Monday. Mr. Gary is the first member appointed on the commission which will handle Missouri's \$60,000,000 road program.

Mr. Gary said that the ultimate goal for road work in Missouri was roads, hard-surfaced with granite blocks the size of brick or broken granite imbedded in some binder whether concrete or tar product.

He said that he had traveled over 11,000 miles of such roads in Europe and that he was told that in the seventy years had been there had been no repair work.

Mr. Gary believes that the winning of the farmer to support the road program is the first big problem of the commission.

Publicity should be given to everything that the commission undertakes according to Mr. Gary. Complete reports of the work will be made for publication.

Mr. Gary believes that road building is a process and that it is impossible to grade and ditch a new road and immediately apply a hard surface. There are many roads in the State however which are now ready for hard surfacing.

PASSERS OF BAD CHECKS FAIL HERE

The National Bank of Brookfield, Mo., called R. R. Arnold of the National Bank of Mexico Monday morning and warned him that there are two men who are passing bad checks in various towns in the State. The bankers in the northern part of the state are so worked up over the success with which the scheme has been meeting there that each banker has agreed to call up one banker in twelve towns. This banker will of course notify the other banks in his town and in this way practically every banker in the state will be advised.

The two men in question were in Mexico a few days ago. In each bank in Mexico they opened an account with a \$10 deposit. At the Southern bank they gave their names as Peter and Paul Hartmann and at the National and the Savings banks they called themselves, Albert and Peter Polson.

A few days later they presented themselves at each bank with two checks of \$85. They deposited one check and tried to cash the other. In this way, if the scheme had succeeded, they would have robbed each bank of \$75 but were unsuccessful in Mexico. The checks which they presented were signed with the name of R. S. Rice and were on out-of-town banks one being on a bank in Junction City.

Five banks in Chillicothe, three in Macon, three in Brookfield and two or three in Moberly were victimized.

The Pinkerton and Burns detectives of the Bankers' Protective Association are after the men and are following their trail across the state.

T. W. McCune has gone to Chicago where he will make his future home.

Miss Mary Farrington of Laddonia is the guest of Miss Mabel Grafford.

Miss Helen Driscoll of Slater was discharged Friday from Amanda Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bailey have returned to Kansas City after visiting Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Bailey.

Miss Norma Jenkins is the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Bowles in St. Louis this week.

W. F. Clark of Audrain County, who is teaching in St. Louis is visiting his family in Laddonia.

Mrs. John Atkins, of Vandalia, spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McGinnis of Bowling Green was in Mexico Thursday.

Read the Ledger ads. You will find the best places to buy what you need.

SAM JORDON WILL SPEAK IN MEXICO

Sam Jordon, of the State Board of Agriculture, better known as the "Missouri Corn Man" will deliver two addresses on farm subjects in this city in December. The dates he will be here are the 8th and 9th.

Mr. Jordon is well known in Audrain county and always has a large audience of farmers to hear him. He is one of the state's most popular and successful farm lecturers and should attract a large audience on his approaching visit.

The Ledger introduced Mr. Jordon to Audrain farmers a number of years ago when the paper in conjunction with the State Board of Agriculture, put on a number of Farmer's Institutes in the county.

COLUMBIA TEAM CLAIMS CHAMPIONSHIP

An article in the Columbia Daily Tribune Monday praised the foot ball team of Columbia High School as the "Central Missouri Champions." In basing this claim the paper states that the only defeat the team suffered was from McMillan High School on the Missouri Academy grounds, when the field was in such a muddy condition it "was no occasion on which to display foot ball ability." Mexico's defeat by Jefferson City the next week in which ineligible men were played is according to the paper conclusive proof that the McMillan forces were inferior to the Columbia eleven as the Jefferson City team was defeated by Columbia. The Columbia team defeated Fulton High School with a larger score than Mexico which is pointed to as another reason for the claim of Columbia to the championship.

FIFTY-FOUR PERSONS BECOME MEMBERS OF BAPTIST CHURCH

Fifty-four persons became members of the Baptist Church during the three week's meeting which closed here Sunday evening.

Those who joined the church during that time were:

C. F. Peeler, Miss Nera Wallace, Mrs. Anna McElresh, Henry Hatchcock, Mrs. Henry Hatchcock, Henry Hatchcock, Jr., Allen Gorrell, Charley Rose, Miss Ruth McDonald, Miss Georgia Carter, Floyd Salmon, Miss Brooksie Griffin, Albert Farris, Miss Flora Carter, William Baker, Cloyd Dunn, Miss Edna Wright, Mrs. Lena West, Mrs. Ethel Poe, Miss Elizabeth Berry, Miss Frances Berry, Miss Merle Elliott, Miss Clara Lee Hepler, Miss Gladys Heinlen, Miss Gladys Johnson, Miss Ruth Rodhouse, Miss Katherine Crews, Miss Georgia Wright, William Petty, Miss Sybil Neiderschutte, Miss Alma Payne, James Payne, Miss Mildred Barnes, Miss Edna Greene, Eadel Foster, Paul Dunn, Clarence Poe, Miss Georgeette Poe, James Coontz, Mrs. Emma Coontz, Mrs. Maude Allen, Miss Mary W. Shackelford, Mrs. Stella Martin, Miss Louise Dollins, Miss Myrtle Smith, Mrs. Minnie Howard, Miss Roberta Atkinson, Harry George Taylor, Miss Fay Marie Dunn, James Hatchcock, Curtis Wilson, Mrs. Eula Wilson, Miss Helen "Shotwell" Loyd Farris.

Mrs. W. F. Thomas returned home Tuesday after a visit with friends in Fulton.

Dr. Pay Palmer addressed the assembly at McMillan High School Friday morning.

A marriage license was issued here Thursday to James Albert Shields and Grace Truman Parrish of Clark, Mo.

H. P. French of Martinsburg spent Sunday in Mexico.

Miss Mary Morgenthaler of Columbia is the guest of relatives in Mexico.

G. R. Cunningham of St. Louis is in Mexico on business.

V. N. Collier of Fulton spent Monday in Mexico.

A Goodman of Vandalia was in Mexico on business Friday.

Miss A. Hookaday of Fulton was in Mexico Tuesday.

The County Seat Weekly

The Weekly Ledger is called "The County Seat Weekly" because so many farmers in the far sections of Audrain county depend upon the Ledger for the news of the County Court, Probate Court, Circuit Court and other business transacted in the County Court house.

The Ledger tries to give a complete report of everything of county-wide interest as well as the local news about Mexico, much of which is of interest to residents of this and adjoining counties.

We are the only paper in the County publishing a Stock and Farm column, a County Farm Club column and we believe every resident of Audrain will find much of interest to them in the Ledger.

We suggest you subscribe if you are not a reader.

L. Mitchell White

LIBERTY STREET CONTRACT HAS BEEN SUB-LET

The bond of B. A. Powell, who received the contract for the improvement of East Liberty street was signed and accepted by the City Council Monday evening and a resolution adopted allowing Mr. Powell to sub-let his contract to S. S. Harrison of McCredie. Mr. Harrison is a prominent resident of his community and is president of a bank in Fulton.

An ordinance making it unlawful for any individual, firm, association, or corporation to manufacture, sell, give away, transport within or export from Mexico any form of intoxicating liquor was given two readings by the Council. This ordinance is in compliance with the prohibition law and makes it lawful for city officials to arrest those not acting in accordance with it.

Bills to the amount of \$253 were allowed. All members of the council were present and Mayor J. W. Gallaher presided.

CONGRESSMAN HUKREIDE HERE FRIDAY AFT.

Congressman T. W. Hukreide, of this district, was in Mexico Friday afternoon conferring with prominent Republicans.

He was discussing the distribution of patronage in Audrain, the Audrain postmaster's position and probably one foreign appointment.

He was the guest of Major and Mrs. Harry Hawley for luncheon Friday noon.

FUNERAL OF W. F. SMITHEY TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The funeral services of W. F. Smithey took place at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon at the home, conducted by Dr. A. A. Wallace. The pallbearers were: Earl Brown, W. H. Brown, R. H. Brown, Dr. J. F. Harrison, J. G. McGee and Charles Shoup.

WILL DEBATE COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY

McMillan High School will debate Columbia High School in Columbia Friday taking the negative side of the question, "Resolved that the principle of the open shop is practical and should be maintained."

Finds Diamond Stud.

W. A. Smith, of Slater, whose home burned in that city recently, and who is the guest of Mexico relatives, lost a handsome diamond stud Thanksgiving morning. Later in searching through the stove for it he discovered the lost jewelry in some trash which had been swept from the floor.

SOUTH DAKOTA WRESTLER TO MEET

JAKE REED THURSDAY Terry Richards of Sioux Falls, S. D., will meet Jake Reed of Fulton in a match here Thursday evening.

Newspaper Suspends Publication.

The Stoutsville Star, a Monroe County newspaper, has suspended publication because of the high cost of material making the venture an unprofitable one.

Three Join Church.

Three members were added to the Methodist Church Sunday morning. They are: Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Donham and Mrs. Orletto Brown.

If you want to know what is going on, subscribe for the Ledger.

Farm Club Notes

FARM CLUB MEETINGS

(Send us your dates)

CEGAR GROVE FARM CLUB—

Every Thursday night.

BEAVER DAM FARM CLUB—

Every Friday night.

Molins meets every other Friday night.

MACEDONIA—First and third

Wednesdays.

PISGAH—First and third Tues-

days.

PINE—First and third Mondays.

William Hirth, who heads the Missouri Farm Club movement, was in this city Tuesday night on his way to Chicago and while here held a conference with a number of prominent Audrain Farm Club workers.

In speaking of the road bond issue Mr. Hirth stated the members of the Farm Clubs were going to invoke the referendum in an effort to secure a delay in issuing the bonds in 1922. He said there were a number of changes necessary before the bill would be practical and that by delaying the issuance of the bonds until 1923, when their appearance was first contemplated, there would be another legislative to pass on them and pass such amendments as would make them more suitable to the Farmers of Missouri.

For one thing Mr. Hirth said the bill allotted the same sum for a mile of road in the Ozarks as it did in this section of Missouri. He stated a road could be built much cheaper there because of the material being at hand. "He is thoroughly out of sympathy with the hard surfaced roads of limestone stating they were impractical, and says gravel roads with a few weeks, they had 36 cars of gravel, and says gravel roads with a clay binder are the most practical for the state, although he is not averse to a cross-state highway of concrete. He feels that the roads should be built for their marketing value and not just to connect county seats.

New Firm Busy.

Although the Farmer's Co-operative Commission Co., in East St. Louis, Ill., has been in operation but a few weeks, they had 36 cars of hogs and five of butcher stuff Tuesday which was about one-fourth of the stuff marketed there that day. This is a remarkable record and the Farmers in Audrain who belong to the Farm Clubs, which are behind this organization, are much pleased with its success.

Big Debate.

There will be a big debate at the Cedar Grove Farm Club Thursday evening. The question is "Resolved that poultry raising on the farm is more profitable than dairy farming." J. E. Paddy with Henry Dean and Ernest Jesse have the affirmative and Harry Player with J. E. Berner and Bill Simms, the negative. Quite a crowd will be present to hear the spirited contest.

Debating A Feature.

A series of debates will mark the winter activities of the Cedar Grove Farm Club. They will mostly deal with the County Unit bill and other public matter of interest and importance. During the Christmas season they will present the play "The Rumpus Gap Debate."

FRANK HOUSTON COM-

POSING MUSIC FOR UNI-

VERSITY MUSICAL COMEDY

Frank Houston of Mexico has been appointed chairman of the committee of the School of Journalism of the University which will have charge of the musical comedy, "The Ninth Decade" which will be presented by the students in the school. The comedy has been written by members of the school and Frank Houston and Edward Frievoel are composing the music.

BOOTLEGGING is becoming more and more like raising a belligerent wife—you can't get away with it.

O. P. GENTRY DIES AT LIBERTY

Oliver P. Gentry, who was born in Audrain County fifty years ago, died at his home in Liberty, Mo., Tuesday morning after a year's illness. Mr. Gentry was the postmaster at Liberty.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows Home Board of Missouri for twenty years and was private secretary to Dockery at the time Dockery was Governor of Missouri. Mr. Gentry was for many years a member of the State Democratic Committee.

He is survived by three sisters who live in Kansas City and one, Mrs. John P. Ankeney of Columbia.

HARDIN PLAYERS ORGANIZE

Under the directorship of Miss Ethel Powell "the Hardin Players" was organized Tuesday night at Hardin College. The entire student body was afforded the opportunity to "try out."

Out of all who tried the following students were accepted as having ability to impersonate character: Lucile Cracraft, Christine Cavett, Fern Foster, Lucile Felty, Mary Groves, Julia Hanna, Margaret ohnson, Thelma Marshall, Reta Mitchell, Margaret Moore, Zelpha Piper, Julia Plank, Gracia Robinson, Ethel Belle Smith, Barbara Reavis, Ethel Belle Smith, Louise Shirk, Kathryn Stope, Mable Raith, Myrtle Raith, Mildred Twidwell, Aileen Parker, Dorothy Bolan, Gertrude Graham, Lucile Pollard, Julianna Lockard.

The Hardin Players was organized to co-operate with the department of Fine Arts, as a means of encouraging more natural and more forceful expression.

The Players expect to present two modern dramas at an early date.

The average play with an all star cast requires four weeks work on an average of five rehearsals of three hours each per week and can not be produced safely without this much time devoted to the study.

Inasmuch as students of the college are manifesting unusual interest in the organization it is believed by the Director that some of the plays in the future may be carried to other cities over the state.

Enrollment in the Department of Expression at Hardin College equals that of previous years when the entire country enjoyed more prosperity. Schools throughout the country expected the financial depression of this year to show largely upon the department of Fine Arts—some times called "Specials." Whatever may have been the prediction a steady increase in the enrollment of the Expression department has been seen since the opening of Hardin College in September.

Spent Thanksgiving at M. M. A.

Thanksgiving guests at Missouri Military Academy were: Mrs. H. W. Dueringer, Elgin, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. McNeely, Macon, Missouri.

Mr. G. E. Hanna, Goff, Kas. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Henderson and daughter of Joplin, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Norton, St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Nowlin, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Elmer Thomas, Medicine Park, Okla.

Rev. H. D. Thompson, St. Joseph, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Thompson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Miss Toby, Sedalia, Mo.

Signs warning drivers to go slow have been erected near the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wheeler of New York are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Richards.

Bob Nichols and not Watt Nichols has purchased the Dr. Gregory property on East Promenade street.

J. C. King is home from a business trip to St. Louis.

J. L. Stuart of Laddonia spent Tuesday in Mexico.

W. L. Craddock is home from a business trip to Chicago.

READ LEDGER Advertisements.

The Arms Conference

TO keep up intelligently with the Disarmament conference in Washington one must read much, and then if they desire the sidelights follow the innumerable special writers who are busily engaged in covering this most important gathering. In order that Ledger readers can have time for other duties and still be informed of the activities at this gathering the Ledger publishes a digest daily of the conference so that he who runs may also be informed.

Confident major agreements will be concluded before Christmas, many international delegates are booking passage home for the holidays. Agreements reached are to be carried out voluntarily; use of collective force not contemplated in President Harding's plan for an association of nations, which was approved by general committee of American Federation of Labor Tuesday.

Naval experts of powers find no error in calculations of Hughes naval holiday proposal. Japan expected to yield, though Japanese delegates still hope to save the Mutsu, new dreadnaught, from scrap heap. Submarine issue will be taken up soon.

China demands immediate withdrawal of foreign troops; will open discussions on this and other Chinese problems this week. Japan blocking temporarily agreement to take foreign postoffices out of China.

Secretary Hughes officially denies Premier Briand spoke slightly of the Italian army, the false report of which caused outbreaks in Italian cities.

Senator Borah takes up arms against President Harding's proposed association of nations, which, he says is league of nations under different name.

Pressure being exerted on China to bring about acceptance of consortium. Chinese preparing arguments expressing views to be presented this week.

Realization that America could build world in naval armament is driving conference toward agreement on naval holiday.

Appears certain Japan will retain her interests in Manchuria. Shantung will be given up, though Japan will retain joint control with China of Shantung railroad. Japan will acquiesce in whatever action other powers take to remove foreign restrictions on Chinese government.

Fearing combination against her, Chinese delegation decides to take aggressive stand and demand showdown on Shantung and Manchuria.

Sharply disagreeing with Briand's insistence France cannot disarm because of German menace, Italy is ready to take lead in land disarmament.

Statistic analysis of Hughes' plan shows how Japan is given advantage is given advantage over other powers.

Association of nations, destined to plant existing league as a stabilizer of world peace, likely to be formed in Washington before adjournment.

Question of land armament will not be ignored by conference, although leaders will not draft definite plans as to limitation. Expect practical action taken on rules of warfare.

Tokio sends new data on naval experts study.

Powers agree in principle to abolition of extraterritorial rights in China.

COOL REIGER APPOINTED

MEMBER OF SOLDIER'S

BONUS COMMISSION

JEFFERSON CITY, November 30.—Governor Hyde yesterday completed the naming of the Soldiers' Bonus Commission when he appointed Colonel James E. Reiger a member of that body. He had previously announced the appointment of John D. McNeely of St. Joseph. The other member is Adjutant General Raupp.

CELEBRATE FIFTY-FOURTH

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of East Liberty street celebrated their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary Tuesday. They were married in Green County, Ill.

School Placed on Approved List. Hodgwood School, six miles northeast of Mexico, has been placed on the State approved list. Miss Julia Pierce, who was graduated from the teachers' training department of McMillan High School last spring is teacher of the school.

W. B. Jones of Centralia spent Tuesday in Mexico.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM HAS A GOOD RECORD

McMillan High School won the foot ball championship of Central Missouri this year by winning five games out of the seven played. This is counting the game at Jefferson City as a defeat although ineligible men were played and a forfeiture of the game could have rightly been claimed by McMillan. During the season, McMillan defeated Montgomery City, Fulton twice, Jefferson City, the return game being forfeited by them, and Columbia.

The local team scored 73 points and only 34 were scored against the eleven. The closest opponents was the Columbia High School team which defeated Montgomery City, Fulton and Sedalia and lost to McMillan. Their percentage was .800 and compared to McMillan's percentage of .833.

The members of the McMillan eleven were:

Claude Morna (captain). Right end. "Windy" is an aggressive player, a hard tackler and an end his opponents found hard to circle. He is a senior and this was his second year on the team.

Howard Day. Right tackle. "Sunday" switched from guard to tackle, gave a good account of himself although he was handicapped by a bad hand the greater part of the season. He is a junior and was playing his second year of football.

Kenneth Day. Right guard. Although "Monday" was one of the lightest men in the line, he was one of the strongest men on defense. He is a junior and had no previous experience. Clarence Torreyson, Center.

"Tarzan" playing his first football filled the important position of center in a very acceptable manner. He was steady and reliable in his passes and gave his backs a ball easily handled. He is a senior.

Clarence Turner. Right guard. "Tuber" was another first year man who could always be depended upon. He is a senior.

Elvin Stansberry. Right tackle. "Stan" played a great game at tackle although having no previous football experience. He is fast and not easily boxed in. He is a sophomore and has been elected captain for next year.

Carroll Glover. Right end. "Hubel" was handicapped during the first part of the season by a late start and later his knee was hurt but nevertheless played a strong game. He is a senior and was playing his second year of football.

James Redhouse. Right end. "Snagg" was another consistent player and could always be depended upon to give a good account of himself and make life miserable for the opponents. He is a senior and has had one year's previous experience in foot ball.

Donnell Pearson. Quarterback. "Dack" was the fastest man on the team. He ran his team well, was a cool and accurate passer, while his kicking could be relied upon to get the ball out of the McMillan territory. He was a senior and was playing his second year.

Frederick Stallings. Quarterback. "Salty" also did excellent work as quarter. His judgment of plays was good and he handled kicks well often running them back farther than they were kicked. He is a senior.

Harold Thomas. Right half. "Little Tommy" was the lightest man on the team but one of the hardest players. He is a junior and was playing his second year.

Emery Haycraft. Left half. "Give" was another man who did good work. He was one of the most consistent ground gainers on the team and was a hard consistent player at all times. He is a senior.

Eldon Reed. Fullback. "Tangle" with six touchdowns led the team in scoring. He was always a ground gainer and also one of the strongest men on defense. He is a senior and was playing his second year.

Irwin Johnson and Raymond Gibbs, the sub linemen were both sophomores and show great promise for next year.

Howard Johnson, being a post graduate was not eligible to play in the conference games, but was always on hand at practice and rendered valuable service to the team.

C. P. Arnold was in Martinsburg Saturday collecting the tax.

W. L. Dorgan of Columbia spent Monday in Mexico.

The Rev. W. F. Wynn of Mexico with the Rev. J. T. Mitchell of Fulton.